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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

DEATH IS NEAR.

The Czar is Seized With a Series of Convulsions.

His Death Cannot be Now Long Delayed.

DUKE GEORGE DYING.

The Czarina is Also Reported to be Ill.

Princess Alix Summoned to Receive Emperor's Blessing.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—The latest reports received here from Livadia indicate that although the czar is still alive, he is rapidly weakening.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—When the contents of the bulletin issued in St. Petersburg at 8 o'clock last night became generally known today, there was a certain feeling of relief in knowing that the czar still lives, as the official silence of the previous twenty-four hours created intense anxiety.

The bulletin referred to was a dispatch from Livadia, saying that the czar had passed the night of the 18th almost sleepless. It was added that his majesty rose in the morning (Friday) as usual, although he was suffering from great weakness and the action of the heart had not changed.

In addition the edema of the feet, which had previously appeared, had increased. The general condition of the patient, however, was unchanged. This bulletin was signed by the five doctors in attendance upon the czar and was called to the Associated Press last night.

Private advices from Livadia state that towards midday the graver symptoms continued. These advices add that his majesty was terribly depressed throughout the day.

St. Petersburg advices of this morning say that prayers are being offered up to-day throughout the Russian empire for the recovery of the czar and it is also stated that great impatience is manifested at the scantiness of official news sent out in regard to the condition of his majesty. Early this afternoon a dispatch from St. Petersburg announced that the latest reports received there from Livadia state that although the czar was still alive he was rapidly weakening.

The striking fact in connection with the czar's illness is the difference of opinion regarding the exact nature of the malady from which he is suffering. The figures, for instance, today declare that the symptoms disagree with the usual symptoms of kidney disease, and states that there is a conflicting inside to the czar's illness which has perplexed his physicians. The figures add that one of the czar's sisters, a fortnight ago, received an official communication stating that the czar was suffering from a tumor below the left kidney, respecting which the doctor's disagreed.

Prof. Zacharin was convinced that it was cancerous and impossible to operate upon. This was the ground for recently informing the czar that he could not possibly live as the disease was incurable.

Prof. Leyden, however, was more optimistic, and after a careful study of the symptoms of the czar's trouble, expressed the belief that it was true that tumor existed, but he added, it was of a benign nature and curable.

The figures then proceeds to make the startling statement that the czar has been badly nursed and that the arrangements for his care were quite of a primitive nature.

The figures did not give its authority for making the latter assertion. The statement is somewhat unkind, as it is known that the czar's most assiduous nurse has been the czar's wife, who according to rumor has broken down under the strain of attending continually upon her dying husband.

There is no doubt that outside of Russia the greatest concern for the health of the czar is felt in France.

The Temps, in an article which may be regarded as an expression of the general feeling of sympathy of the French people, says that there is not a corner of France where prayers have not been offered up for the recovery of the czar, and not a household in France where his illness is not the chief topic of conversation.

Dispatches received from various parts of France quite bear out the truth of the statements made by the Temps.

The czar, since the fetes at Toulon, following the arrival there of the Russian squadron under Admiral Avelan, has everywhere in the French republic been considered as the life ally of France and one could hardly enter a peasant's cottage or farm house without finding that the central feature displayed on the walls is the colored print which was distributed broadcast at the time of the Russian festivities.

This print represents the czar as offering his hand to the late President Carnot with the intent of Cransadt and Toulon squadrons in the background.

PRAYERS FOR THE CZAR SUNDAY.

The Reformed Church Orders them in All its Temples.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—A dispatch from Paris to the Daily News says that the consistory of the Reformed church has ordered that prayers be offered for the czar on Sunday in all its temples.

The dispatch adds that tidings received by Grand Duke Alexis afford little room for hope that his majesty's life will be prolonged until Sunday.

Dr. Germain See, who some time ago was consulted by Dr. Zacharin and Hirsch, on the subject of kidney disease says that nobody suffering with such an ailment, ought to be allowed to travel. It would be a mistake, he adds, to move the czar.

DUKE GEORGE DYING.

The Whole Family Seems to Be Seriously Affected.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—It is stated on the best authority that the czarina is very ill, and that her son, Grand Duke George, is dying.

It is also stated on the same authority that the czar before his illness entered upon his final stage, had a solemn interview with the czar's wife, during which he indicated to her the policy which he desired her to pursue after his death, and also insisted upon his marriage to Princess Alix, who was summoned to Livadia to receive the dying blessing of the czar. The theaters will be closed for six months after the death of the czar.

A LATER REPORT.

The Czar Has Had a Series of Convulsions and is Dying.

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg, published by the National Zeitung this afternoon, and according to special information from a medical authority now at Livadia, the czar, during the last forty-eight hours, has been seized with a series of convulsive attacks accompanied for several hours by temporary unconsciousness. It is added that his death cannot be long delayed.

JOHN MACDONALD RETURNS

Delighted With the Telegraph System in Britain Which the Government Runs.

John MacDonald and son Roderick returned today from Scotland. Mr. MacDonald left Scotland thirty-two years ago, and has not visited his home since that time until he made his present trip. He found his mother, who is now eighty years old, enjoying the best of health. His former home was in Galloway, Ross-shire, which is thirty miles from a railroad.

Mr. MacDonald reached New York October 10, and has been visiting in New York, Washington and Chicago since.

"I am glad to get back under the stars and stripes," said he. "I am more than ever satisfied that this is the best country and the best state in the world."

"I found great improvements in many things and some were just as I left them. The railroad system there is admirable, they are fifty years behind America, but their telegraph system is a great improvement over ours. It is a part of the postal system and the lines are not confined to railway systems. I was thirty miles from a railroad and I could telegraph to the coast of England or any other place for that matter. The cost is only 12 cents for twelve words and 1 cent for each additional word. I do not know whether the system would succeed in this country or not—the area of the country may operate against it here. [The government owns the telegraphs in Great Britain.]

"The mass of the people are living better than when I left, and I think general conditions have very much improved."

"Temperance has made great progress. I was offered a glass of whisky in nearly every house I visited. There is a place the minister drew the cork and seemed surprised when I did not follow his example. There are some total abstainers now and less drunkenness."

"The schools have greatly improved and they have a compulsory education law which compels a child to attend in every district and a child must attend during the entire year of ten months."

"The sentiment in that country is in favor of home rule and abolishing of the house of lords. I found a curiosity in a socialist with whom I rode on a train. His views were in exact harmony with those expounded by Bellamy but he was in favor of a single gold standard."

BEING ARGUED.

The Injunction Against Secretary Osborn Being Tried This Afternoon.

The injunction suit to prevent Secretary of State Osborn from allowing the name of Jerry Simpson to appear on the Seventh district Democratic ticket, is being argued this afternoon in the district court. Although the case was set for two o'clock, the lawyers did not get started until 3 o'clock, and it will require at least two hours to dispose of the matter. Attorney Safford takes no part in the controversy, although the injunction was brought in his name. Eugene Higgins represents those who wish the injunction made perpetual, and W. C. Webb represents the secretary of state. D. C. Zercher is there with a big pile of documentary evidence. The defense will be on the ground that the decision of the examining board, composed of Secretary Osborn, Attorney General Little, and Auditor Prather, is final, and subject to no appeal.

DIDN'T BLUFF REED.

Frank Herald's Subordinate Couldn't Intimidate Judge Joseph.

Joseph Reed, ex-commissioner of elections went with a colored acquaintance to Frank Herald's office this morning to register. Deputy Frank Whitaker asked the colored man whose name is Ewing where he lived.

"On Central avenue near Washington," he said.

"We don't want to know 'near' where you live, but where," insisted Whitaker. Reed came to Ewing's rescue and said: "He lives on Central, between Washington and Central."

"Shut up," said Whitaker, "he must tell where he lives himself."

"I won't shut up," replied Reed, "and you can't make me. I have half a mind to throw you through that window. I have a right here and I want this man registered without any more foolishness."

The man was duly registered.

FIRST WOMEN DEMOCRATS.

The First Woman's Democratic Club Formed in Colorado.

DENVER, Oct. 20.—The Colorado Women's Democratic club of which Mrs. Mary V. Macdon is president and Mrs. Anna M. Cochran secretary, is the first woman's club placed upon the membership roll of the National Association of Democratic clubs.

Chauncey F. Black, president, in a letter regarding the eligibility of women's clubs to membership wrote: "We ought to be happy to welcome the women's clubs in every state and especially in those states where women vote."

WE WON'T OBJECT.

United States is Willing to Have Mexico Take Charge of Central America.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—A special to the World from Guatemala says: It is reported that the United States government has privately assured Mexico that it would not be averse to seeing Mexico take charge of Central America, preserve the peace and protect American citizens.

DEFENDS LEWELLING.

Senator Martin Flies to the Rescue of the Governor.

Says There's No Purer Man Than Lewelling.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

Martin It is Said Has Instructed Postmasters

To Work for and Vote the Populist Ticket.

United States Senator John Martin has thrown his Democracy overboard for the remainder of the campaign if his own words mean anything.

Senator Martin has, it is said, since last Sunday, written no less than sixty-nine letters a day to the Democratic postmasters of Kansas asking them to lend their support to the election of the Populist candidates for the legislature.

In addition to this Senator Martin has given out a lengthy interview stating his views of the political situation which the politician of that party interpret to mean that the Senator Martin will aid in the election of Governor Lewelling and the Populist state ticket.

In this interview Senator Martin says: "I am 60 years old and so is Governor Glick and we are old enough, at least we suppose we are, to know our own business. We know enough to be sure that if we thought that our left hand knew what our right hand was doing we would cut it off."

"I want it understood that I am a Democrat and as good as any Democrat that lives, but I have the right to raise questions of policy in my own mind and discuss them."

"What I may do hereafter in this campaign will be governed largely by circumstances. The convention which nominated the Democratic ticket was composed of Democrats of undoubted loyalty to party who believed that they were doing the right thing when they put up a ticket before the people. Its candidates are Democrats whom we all respect and esteem as such. It is not a question of loyalty to party, but of policy, which some Democrats are discussing in this campaign."

"It is possible that the present Democratic campaign may in effect be of more advantage to our old enemy, the Republican party, than to our own."

"The question is, do we want the Republican ticket elected in this campaign? This is the material question we, as Democrats, must decide right not only to consider but to discuss."

"I believe the Republican party will lose in this fight. I did not think so ten days ago, but since then a great change has taken place in the minds of the people, and the Republican managers themselves are now wavering. The address of the American citizen is a great admirer of fair play, and he abhors villification, abuse and scandal, in politics as in any other controversy."

"The Republicans have summoned to their aid in this campaign notorious gamblers, liars and parasites. They have called upon such vagabond, slanders and liars as Pote Kline and Nels Acers to testify that Governor Lewelling and his associates are not fit to administer the laws of the state of Kansas."

"Kline, Acers and their kind live by law-breaking; then they tell this people they have been corrupted by slanders and administration to their own base purposes. To an unprejudiced mind it would seem that law breakers who thrive by law-breaking would prefer the continuance in office of corrupt men such as they claim Lewelling and his associates to be, that they might go on in their nefarious business."

"Now no fair minded man would believe all this rot. Kline and Acers make these statements for money. They have been used by the Republican managers to slander and vilify men whom I know to be honest and upright. There are no truer men than Governor Lewelling, Attorney General Little and Fred Cloos."

"Such infamy as the Republican managers and their partners Kline and Acers have employed and are employing in this fight on this administration ought to be and will be resented at the polls. These are some of the reasons why I believe the Republican party will lose in this campaign. Personally, I wish for the election of Overmyer and hope the Republicans will be third in the race."

GONE TO THE JURY.

The Arguments Made Today in the Whiting Damage Case.

The case of Kate and Grace Whiting against the Topeka Water Supply company for \$35,000 damages for the death of their mother, went to the jury at noon today. The jury went to the scene of the runaway caused by the crushing hydrant, at Fourteenth and Western avenue, yesterday afternoon, and today the lawyers made their arguments in the case.

Captain J. G. Waters made the opening address for the plaintiff, and it was one of his most striking efforts ever made in the dingy old courtroom.

He was followed by Dave Mulvane for the water company. Mr. Mulvane admitted from the start that the eloquence and beauty were against them while they were called upon to defend a "soulless corporation." He was followed by Mr. Leonard for the defense, and Ed Hilton made the closing argument for the young ladies.

ARREST CARL BROWNE

For Driving Through Wall Street in a Wagon.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—A so-called Coxey army parade, consisting of about eight ragged men with a wagon, went through Wall street today. The wagon was preceded by the leader, Carl Browne.

Browne was arrested by a Central office detective and taken to police headquarters.

JUDGE TRUMBULL FEARS.

"Unless Something is Done There Will Be Trouble."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Judge Lyman Trumbull is here on business with the supreme court.

Judge Trumbull was asked whether he would be a candidate for the senate and whether he had really joined the Populist party.

"I am not a candidate for the senate," he replied. "I would not want to come to the senate. I am not a candidate for any political office. I have gotten past all that. I am too old. I am entirely out of politics."

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LYNCHED BY A MOB.

A Colored Assassin Taken from Jail in Maryland and Hanged.

UPPER MERIDEN, Md., Oct. 20.—Just before daylight forty masked men came up to the jail and demanded the negro who had confessed to the attempted assassination of John P. Jones, although wholly unprepared for resistance, refused to give up the keys. He was, however, finally overpowered and Williams was taken to a bridge near town and hanged. A bullet hole was also found near his heart.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Williams met his death at the hands of unknown parties.

Mrs. Hardesty, Williams' victim, is an aged lady. He entered the house, knocked Mrs. Hardesty down, carried her two hundred yards away and had it not been for the attack of the family, would have accomplished his purpose and perhaps added murder to his other crime.

RECEPTION TO SULLIVAN.

Boston Sports Making Preparations to Give Him a Big Time.

BOSTON, Oct. 20.—"Mysterious" Billy Smith, the middleweight, today announced that if he is victorious in his meeting with O'Brien in this city on October 29, he would have accomplished his purpose and perhaps added murder to his other crime.

"Bobby" Dobbs, the Minneapolis lightweight, is also out with a statement that he would like to meet Wolcott in a ten round battle at Coney Island as soon as a contest can be arranged.

The sports of the city are making preparations to give John L. Sullivan a big reception on his arrival here Sunday to play a week's engagement at the Grand opera house.

TILLMANISM IN GERMANY.

Government May Take Charge of the Entire Liqueur Business.

VIENNA, Oct. 20.—In the reichstath today Herr von Plenner introduced a bill providing for a monopoly by the state of the refining and sale of spirits. Herr von Plenner argued, in support of the measure, that it would prevent the people from being poisoned by poor alcohols, and would, besides, augment the revenue of the state. According to the terms of the bill, the production of raw spirits is left to private enterprise, but producers are only allowed to sell to the state for the purpose of the government distilleries. Producers are also allowed to export whatever raw spirits the government may not require.

"PRUDES ON A PROWL."

The Discussion of Theaters of Bad Influence Grows Furious in London.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The past week has been principally marked by the furious debate of the question of the Empire theater's license and the strong criticism of the demoralizing influence of that place of amusement by Mrs. Ormiston Chant of the Vigilance association.

In this connection the Daily Telegraph, under the heading of "Prudes on the Prowl," has given up a page of space daily recently for letters for or against granting the Empire's license and to interviews on the same subject with every class of person from every point of view. Brokers, ballroom managers, demimondes, politicians, financiers, etc., have taken advantage of this opportunity to defend or attack the Empire.

ALIX BEATS DIRECTUM.

BOSTON, Oct. 20.—Alix won the first heat of the race with Directum by three lengths. Time—2:09. Second heat was won by Alix handily by four lengths. Time—2:14.

The race ended with the second heat when the horse first named was drawn. He is under the care of a veterinary surgeon.

REPUBLICAN TRAIN WRECKED.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Oct. 20.—The Pittsburgh, Va., and Charleston morning train, bearing a large party of excursionists from here to the Republican meeting at Charleroi was wrecked at Tippecanoe. Three cars jumped the track. A panic followed and the passengers jumped wildly from the train. None were seriously injured.

WEAKLY BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$1,116,350; loans, increase, \$604,300; specie, increase, \$407,000; legal tender, increase, \$1,881,300; deposits, increase, \$3,847,800; circulation, increase, \$163,364. The bank now holds \$62,513,775 in excess of the requirements of the 35 per cent rule.

JAMES A. FROUDE DEAD

The English Historian Passed Away This Morning.

He Had Been Failing for Some Time.

BEST KNOWN WORK.

Made His Reputation on a History of England.

Visited the United States in 1872 on a Lecturing Tour.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—James Anthony Froude, the historian, died at 6:30 o'clock this morning. James Anthony Froude, LL.D., youngest son of the late venerable R. H. Froude, archdeacon of Tetnes, was born at Darlington, Devonshire, April 23, 1818, and was educated at Westminster and at Oriel college, Oxford, where he was graduated in 1840. In 1842 he became a fellow of Exeter college.

He was ordained a deacon in the Church of England in 1844. His theological writings were condemned by the university authorities and he accepted an appointment which he had received to a teachership in the Eastman. It was in 1856 that he published the first two volumes of his "History of England from the fall of Wolsey to the defeat of the Spanish armada."

The twelfth volume appeared in 1870. In the autumn of 1872 Mr. Froude visited the United States and delivered a series of lectures on the relations between Great Britain and Ireland taking the position that the Irish were themselves to blame for a large proportion of the difficulties in which their country had been involved because of their own internal jealousy. During the last year of his life he devoted most of his time and attention to the writing of books, acting as the editor of several magazines. His health has been gradually failing and he has been unable to move about his house and garden since last September.

AFTER SUNDAY PAPERS.

Theo. L. Cuyler Says There is no Reason Why They Should Have Them.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The New York State Sabbath association held its third annual meeting last night in Brooklyn. Among the other things which the association is trying to bring about is the abolition of all Sunday traffic. The address on the Sunday newspapers will be delivered by Theo. L. Cuyler, who announced himself a true friend of the daily press which he held responsible for much of the good accomplished in the world, and thought that all Christians should unite in demanding the suppression of the Sunday paper.

"Why," asked he, "should the newspapermen be allowed to carry on their business when all other trades are required to suspend trade on Sunday?"

"There is no need of the Sunday press. We get along very well without it in the olden days and we can again. While there is no reason we should have the Sunday paper there are many reasons why we should be delivered from them, for the cleanest paper issued contains sporting and other topics which are not subject for consideration on the Sabbath. Too many of our business men and even the parishioners from under the avalanche of blanketed sheets which every Sabbath are launched upon the public."

HURRYING TO EUROPE.

Geo. R. Peck and Dr. Hogeboom Start for Mrs. Peck's Bedside.

Mrs. George R. Peck, who was announced a few days ago to be seriously ill at Geneva, Switzerland, is now said to have become worse and her condition is so dangerous that Mr. Peck has been sent for.

Mr. Peck and Dr. George W. Hogeboom will leave Chicago tomorrow for Europe and their journey to Mrs. Peck's bedside will be as speedy as possible.

Mr. Peck has been enjoying good health lately but the news of the serious condition of Mrs. Peck has almost totally unbalanced him for business and even before he was summoned to Europe he planned to go there and stay until there should be an improvement in his wife's condition.

On account of Mrs. Peck's absence the legal business of the company at the annual meeting next week will be in the hands of Mr. D. E. Kenna, general solicitor of the Frisco system, who, by the consent of the receivers, has been designated to assume Mr. Peck's duties during the latter's absence in Europe.

SUGAR GETTING TOO CHEAP

So the Sugar Trust Refrains to Close to Make It Dearer.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—The Franklin Sugar refinery, which is operated by the sugar trust, and which has been running on half time for three or four weeks, turning out only soft sugar, shut down today for an indefinite time.

Twelve hundred men are thrown out of employment. The Spreckels refinery, the other member of the trust in this city, has been closed for two weeks. The McCahan Sugar Refining company which claims to be independent of the trust is running only one-third time.

A CABLE TO HAWAII.

An English Agent Now There Looking for Matter to Write.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Advises by the steamer Australia from Honolulu, say on the last steamer from Victoria, a man named Sanford B. Fleming arrived in Honolulu, and since that time he has been in close communication with the government. It has recently become known that he is here in the interest of the English government for the purpose of seeing what concessions can be obtained from Hawaii in the event of a cable touching there.

LOCAL MENTION.

The temperature today was 80° above. The London case will have to be tried again. Last evening the jury had failed to agree upon a verdict and Justice Grover discharged it. The case was then reset for hearing on Monday the 29th at 9 o'clock a. m. The jury stood six to six. The costs in the case have already amounted to \$125.

Harrison Kennedy of fire station No. 3 began suit today to recover \$95 from the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, in which he was insured, for injuries received last February going to a fire which confined him to his bed for twenty-six weeks.

George Hurst and Chess Simpson, the two men who were arrested for breaking into the Yeale block one night last week, were brought before Justice Chas. today morning and bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1000 each which they failed to give and went to jail.

AS BAD AS JERRY SIMPSON.

A Congressional Candidate Goes About Wrapped in a United States Flag.

FARGO, N. D., Oct. 20.—North Dakota happily has a congressional candidate who is as bad as Jerry Simpson,